

20 December 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Request by [REDACTED] for Unclassified Background
Material for an Article he will write for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] turned over to me this date the original copy of the [REDACTED] memorandum (Tab A). He explained that nothing was done on [REDACTED] request or instructions from [REDACTED] and that in the course of the past few days [REDACTED] had gotten in touch with the Director and stated that he was still anxiously awaiting the receipt of the requested information. [REDACTED] said that he was called in from leave and met with [REDACTED] Mr. Amory, and I believe he said [REDACTED] then [REDACTED] was given the [REDACTED] going up such unclassified material as we had for submission to [REDACTED]. He stated he had obtained all he could from other CIA offices and asked if I would check on what might be provided from the NIS Project [REDACTED] out that Sections 43 and 58 treated with the subjects in which [REDACTED] had expressed interest, but that all of these sections were classified no lower than CONFIDENTIAL which would make it necessary to go back to State for declassification of any information presented in these sections.

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2. [REDACTED] had to leave immediately to take his little boy to the hospital and asked me if I would examine it a little more and then phone Mr. Amory and ask him whether an attempt should be made to [REDACTED] declassify certain portions of these sections which it appeared [REDACTED] might use.

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3. It will be noted that in paragraph 5 of Tab A it is stated that if the material cannot be in the hands of [REDACTED] by a certain date it should be sent to Mr. Robert Blake of State when it is ready. I inquired of [REDACTED] as to Mr. Blake's position in State and learned that he is in the Eastern European Desk Area. I gave [REDACTED] a general idea of what it was about and we were in agreement that much of the information presented in Sections 43 and 58 came from unclassified source materials, and that it was quite likely Mr. Blake was [REDACTED] up the same unclassified source materials for presentation to [REDACTED]. If he had not already done so, it appeared that the most expeditious way of fulfilling [REDACTED] request so far as NIS materials were concerned would be to have Mr. Blake request the unclassified source materials from the R Area in State.

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4. I phoned Mr. Amory and explained the situation to him and suggested the direct call on the R Area to supply the unclassified materials used for the preparation of Sections 43 and 58 on the areas concerned. However, Mr. Amory felt that there was no reason for denying [REDACTED] the already worked-up data in the NIS since CIA had in the past provided him with classified information. His decision was that the NIS Sections 43 and 58 on the areas involved should be furnished to [REDACTED] with the stipulation that any data which he obtained from these elements for use in the article he will write be submitted to CIA which would in turn take steps to clear the material with State for publication in an unclassified article.

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5. The sections involved are the following:

NIS [REDACTED] 25X6A

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| 14 (Poland) | 43, 58 |
| 18 (Czecho) | 43, 58 |
| 19 (Hungary) | 58 |
| 20 (Albania) | none |
| 22 (Rumania) | 43 |
| 23 (Bulgaria) | 43, 58 |
| 26 (USSR) | 43(M), 58(M) |
| 39 (China) | 43, 58 |

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6. [REDACTED] was the project officer on this deal so I did nothing further on the matter until I heard from him. I was concerned over the manner in which classified information could be turned over to [REDACTED] as I was under the impression that he was no longer connected with any government activity. I did check with [REDACTED] of OCR to see if [REDACTED] was serving with any government agency which would entitle him to receive classified information. [REDACTED] said that their records did not indicate any such connection but suggested that the channel might be through OOC [REDACTED]

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7. When I discussed this with [REDACTED] he was not sure that [REDACTED] was serving as the contact for OOC, but said that he would check it with Geo. Carey, which he did. [REDACTED] did not give me any of the details, but he did say that OO was the proper channel for delivering the material to Mr. Benton. He said that it was to be delivered directly to [REDACTED] rather than to Mr. Blake as had been intended originally. I pointed out that neither he nor I could authorize such release to a private citizen, nor did I feel free to sign

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a letter of transmittal on the NIS material. It was agreed that, since the release was being made at Mr. Amory's direction, a letter should be prepared for his signature.

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8. This was done as per attached Tab B. Mr. Amory came to this office on his regular weekly visit on Wednesday afternoon, 21 December, and examined the material we had gotten together and said it was fine and signed the letter of transmittal. We packed the material here and [REDACTED] handcarried it to George Carey for delivery to [REDACTED] in New York on the following day.

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Enclosures:

1. Tab A
2. Tab B